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[redacted] QUAI, INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER JUNE 25 THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO ISRAELI REQUEST FOR VAUTOUR AIRCRAFT. TWO MONTHS AGO THE PEREZ MISSION HAD REQUESTED 30-50 VAUTOURS AND WERE IN FACT TOLD THAT THEY WERE NO LONGER IN PRODUCTION. HOWEVER, ACCORDING [redacted] THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF SUD AVIATION TOOLING UP FOR SUCH A CONTRACT. HOWEVER, THE ISRAELIS NEVER CAME BACK AND INITIATIVE STILL RESTS WITH THEM.

EMBOFF RAISED QUESTIONS PARAGRAPH (A) AND (B) REFTEL. NANTEUIL PROMISED TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS NEXT WEEK. PROTECT SOURCE.
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